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ENTERTAINMENT GROUP INC.; and CAPITOL
RECORDS, INC.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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LAFACE RECORDS LLC, a Delaware limited
liability company; SONY BMG MUSIC
ENTERTAINMENT, a Delaware general
partnership; WARNER BROS. RECORDS
INC., a Delaware corporation; UMG
RECORDINGS, INC., a Delaware corporation;
ELEKTRA ENTERTAINMENT GROUP INC.,
a Delaware corporation; and CAPITOL
RECORDS, INC., a Delaware corporation,
Plaintiffs,

v.

JOHN DOE,

Defendant.

CASE NO.

COMPLAINT FOR COPYRIGHT
INFRINGEMENT

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JURISDICTION AND VENUE

1. This is a civil action seeking damages and injunctive relief for copyright infringement under the copyright laws of the United States (17 U.S.C. § 101 *et seq.*).

2. This Court has jurisdiction under 17 U.S.C. § 101 *et seq.*; 28 U.S.C. § 1331 (federal question); and 28 U.S.C. § 1338(a) (copyright).

3. Venue in this District is proper. See 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b), 1400(a). Although the true identity of Defendant is unknown to Plaintiffs at this time, on information and belief, Defendant may be found in this District and/or a substantial part of the acts of infringement complained of herein occurred in this District. On information and belief, personal jurisdiction in this District is proper because Defendant, without consent or permission of the copyright owner, disseminated over the Internet copyrighted works owned and/or controlled by Plaintiffs. On information and belief, such illegal dissemination occurred in every jurisdiction in the United States, including this one. In addition, Defendant contracted with an Internet Service Provider ("ISP") found in this District to provide Defendant with the access to the Internet which facilitated Defendant's infringing activities.

PARTIES

4. Plaintiff LaFace Records LLC is a limited liability company duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, with its principal place of business in the State of New York.

5. Plaintiff SONY BMG MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT is a Delaware general partnership, with its principal place of business in the State of New York.

6. Plaintiff Warner Bros. Records Inc. is a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, with its principal place of business in the State of California.

7. Plaintiff UMG Recordings, Inc. is a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, with its principal place of business in the State of California.

8. Plaintiff Elektra Entertainment Group Inc. is a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, with its principal place of business in the State of New York.

10. The true name and capacity of Defendant are unknown to Plaintiffs at this time. Defendant is known to Plaintiffs only by the Internet Protocol (“IP”) address assigned to Defendant by his or her ISP on the date and time of Defendant’s infringing activity. See Exhibit A. Plaintiffs believe that information obtained in discovery will lead to the identification of Defendant’s true name.

COUNT I

INFRINGEMENT OF COPYRIGHTS

11. Plaintiffs incorporate herein by this reference each and every allegation contained in each paragraph above.

12. Plaintiffs are, and at all relevant times have been, the copyright owners or licensees of exclusive rights under United States copyright law with respect to certain copyrighted sound recordings, including, but not limited to, all of the copyrighted sound recordings on Exhibit A to this Complaint (collectively, these copyrighted sound recordings shall be identified as the “Copyrighted Recordings”). Each of the Copyrighted Recordings is the subject of a valid Certificate of Copyright Registration issued by the Register of Copyrights to each Plaintiff as specified on each page of Exhibit A.

13. Among the exclusive rights granted to each Plaintiff under the Copyright Act are the exclusive rights to reproduce the Copyrighted Recordings and to distribute the Copyrighted Recordings to the public.

14. Plaintiffs are informed and believe that Defendant, without the permission or consent of Plaintiffs, has continuously used, and continues to use, an online media distribution system to download and/or distribute to the public certain of the Copyrighted Recordings. Exhibit A identifies the IP address with the date and time of capture and a list of copyrighted recordings that Defendant has, without the permission or consent of Plaintiffs, downloaded and/or distributed to the public. Through his or her continuous and ongoing acts of downloading and/or distributing to the public the Copyrighted Recordings, Defendant has violated Plaintiffs' exclusive rights of reproduction and

1 distribution. Defendant's actions constitute infringement of Plaintiffs' copyrights and/or exclusive
2 rights under copyright. (In addition to the sound recordings listed on Exhibit A, Plaintiffs are
3 informed and believe Defendant has, without the permission or consent of Plaintiffs, continuously
4 downloaded and/or distributed to the public additional sound recordings owned by or exclusively
5 licensed to Plaintiffs or Plaintiffs' affiliate record labels, and Plaintiffs believe that such acts of
6 infringement are ongoing. Exhibit A includes the currently-known total number of audio files being
7 distributed by Defendant.)

8 15. Plaintiffs have placed proper notices of copyright pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 401 on
9 each respective album cover of each of the sound recordings identified in Exhibit A. These notices
10 of copyright appeared on published copies of each of the sound recordings identified in Exhibit A.
11 These published copies were widely available, and each of the published copies of the sound
12 recordings identified in Exhibit A was accessible by Defendant.

13 16. Plaintiffs are informed and believe that the foregoing acts of infringement have been
14 willful, intentional, and in disregard of and with indifference to the rights of Plaintiffs.

15 17. As a result of Defendant's infringement of Plaintiffs' copyrights and exclusive rights
16 under copyright, Plaintiffs are entitled to statutory damages pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 504(c) against
17 Defendant for each infringement of each copyrighted recording. Plaintiffs further are entitled to
18 their attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 505.

19 18. The conduct of Defendant is causing and, unless enjoined and restrained by this
20 Court, will continue to cause Plaintiffs great and irreparable injury that cannot fully be compensated
21 or measured in money. Plaintiffs have no adequate remedy at law. Pursuant to 17 U.S.C. §§ 502
22 and 503, Plaintiffs are entitled to injunctive relief prohibiting Defendant from further infringing
23 Plaintiffs' copyrights, and ordering that Defendant destroy all copies of copyrighted sound
24 recordings made in violation of Plaintiffs' exclusive rights.

25 WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for judgment against Defendant as follows:

26 1. For an injunction providing:

27 "Defendant shall be and hereby is enjoined from directly or indirectly
28 infringing Plaintiffs' rights under federal or state law in the
Copyrighted Recordings and any sound recording, whether now in
existence or later created, that is owned or controlled by Plaintiffs (or

1 any parent, subsidiary, or affiliate record label of Plaintiffs)
2 ("Plaintiffs' Recordings"), including without limitation by using the
3 Internet or any online media distribution system to reproduce (*i.e.*,
4 download) any of Plaintiffs' Recordings or to distribute (*i.e.*, upload)
5 any of Plaintiffs' Recordings, except pursuant to a lawful license or
6 with the express authority of Plaintiffs. Defendant also shall destroy
7 all copies of Plaintiffs' Recordings that Defendant has downloaded
8 onto any computer hard drive or server without Plaintiffs'
9 authorization and shall destroy all copies of those downloaded
10 recordings transferred onto any physical medium or device in
11 Defendant's possession, custody, or control."

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13 2. For statutory damages for each infringement of each Copyrighted Recording
14 pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 504.

15 3. For Plaintiffs' costs in this action.

16 4. For Plaintiffs' reasonable attorneys' fees incurred herein.

17 5. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

18 Dated: March 27, 2008

HOLME ROBERTS & OWEN LLP

19 By: 

20 MATTHEW FRANKLIN JAKSA
21 Attorney for Plaintiffs
22 LAFACE RECORDS LLC; SONY BMG
23 MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT; WARNER
24 BROS. RECORDS INC.; UMG
25 RECORDINGS, INC.; ELEKTRA
26 ENTERTAINMENT GROUP INC.; and
27 CAPITOL RECORDS, INC.
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EXHIBIT A**JOHN DOE****IP Address:** 207.62.146.194 2007-10-30 22:32:00 EDT**CASE ID#** 146507279**P2P Network:** GnutellaUS**Total Audio Files:** 437

<u>Copyright Owner</u>	<u>Artist</u>	<u>Recording Title</u>	<u>Album Title</u>	<u>SR#</u>
LaFace Records LLC	TLC	Waterfalls	CrazySexyCool	198-743
SONY BMG MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT	Modest Mouse	Bury Me With It	Good News For People Who Love Bad News	353-218
SONY BMG MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT	Michael Jackson	Smooth Criminal	Bad	84-256
Warner Bros. Records Inc.	Madonna	Material Girl	Like a Virgin	59-442
SONY BMG MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT	Wham	Wake Me Up Before You Go-Go	Wake Me Up Before You Go- Go (single)	57-557
UMG Recordings, Inc.	Nelly	Grillz	Grillz (single)	385-148
Elektra Entertainment Group Inc.	Steel Pulse	Earth Crisis	Earth Crisis	53-776
Capitol Records, Inc.	Coldplay	Fix You	X&Y	376-828
Warner Bros. Records Inc.	The Flaming Lips	Fight Test	Yoshimi Battles the Pink Robots	316-677
Elektra Entertainment Group Inc.	Phish	Heavy Things	Farmhouse	281-388

CIVIL COVER SHEET

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The JS-44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE TWO.)

I. (a) PLAINTIFFS

LAFACE RECORDS LLC; SONY BMG MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT;
WARNER BROS. RECORDS INC.; UMG RECORDINGS, INC.;
ELEKTRA ENTERTAINMENT GROUP INC.; and CAPITOL
RECORDS, INC.

(b) COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED PLAINTIFF
New York County, NY

(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

DEFENDANT

JOHN DOE

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED DEFENDANT

(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE
LAND INVOLVED.

(c) ATTORNEYS (FIRM NAME, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER)

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II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (PLACE AN "X" IN ONE BOX ONLY)

- ☐ 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff ☒ 3. Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)
- ☐ 2 U.S. Government Defendant ☐ 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (PLACE AN "X" IN ONE BOX FOR PLAINTIFF AND ONE BOX FOR DEFENDANT)

- | (For Diversity Cases Only) | | PTF | DEF |
|---|---|---|---|
| Citizen of This State | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | Incorporated or Principal Place of Business In This State | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 |
| Citizen of Another State | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | Incorporated and Principal Place of Business In Another State | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 |
| Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | Foreign Nation | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 |

IV. ORIGIN

(PLACE AN "X" IN ONE BOX ONLY)

- ☒ 1 Original Proceeding ☐ 2 Removed from State Court ☐ 3 Remanded from Appellate Court ☐ 4 Reinstated or Reopened ☐ 5 Transferred from another district (specify) ☐ 6 Multidistrict Litigation ☐ 7 Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment

V. NATURE OF SUIT (PLACE AN "X" IN ONE BOX ONLY)

CONTRACT	TORTS	FORFEITURE/PENALTY	BANKRUPTCY	OTHER STATUTES	
<input type="checkbox"/> 110 Insurance <input type="checkbox"/> 120 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 130 Miller Act <input type="checkbox"/> 140 Negotiable Instrument <input type="checkbox"/> 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment <input type="checkbox"/> 151 Medicare Act <input type="checkbox"/> 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excl. Veterans) <input type="checkbox"/> 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits <input type="checkbox"/> 160 Stockholders' Suits <input type="checkbox"/> 190 Other Contract <input type="checkbox"/> 195 Contract Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 196 Franchise	PERSONAL INJURY <input type="checkbox"/> 310 Airplane <input type="checkbox"/> 315 Airplane Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 320 Assault, Libel & Slander <input type="checkbox"/> 330 Federal Employers' Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 340 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 345 Marine Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 350 Motor Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 360 Other Personal Injury	PERSONAL INJURY <input type="checkbox"/> 362 Personal Injury Med. Malpractice <input type="checkbox"/> 365 Personal Injury Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 368 Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability PERSONAL PROPERTY <input type="checkbox"/> 370 Other Fraud <input type="checkbox"/> 371 Truth in Lending <input type="checkbox"/> 380 Other Personal Property Damage <input type="checkbox"/> 385 Property Damage Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 810 Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> 820 Other Food & Drug <input type="checkbox"/> 825 Drug Related Seizure of Property <input type="checkbox"/> 21 USC 881 <input type="checkbox"/> 830 Liquor Laws <input type="checkbox"/> 840 RR & Truck <input type="checkbox"/> 850 Airline Regs <input type="checkbox"/> 860 Occupational Safety/Health <input type="checkbox"/> 690 Other	<input type="checkbox"/> 422 Appeal <input type="checkbox"/> 26 USC 158 <input type="checkbox"/> 423 Withdrawal <input type="checkbox"/> 28 USC 157 PROPERTY RIGHTS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 820 Copyrights <input type="checkbox"/> 830 Patent <input type="checkbox"/> 840 Trademark	<input type="checkbox"/> 400 State Reapportionment <input type="checkbox"/> 410 Antitrust <input type="checkbox"/> 430 Banks and Banking <input type="checkbox"/> 450 Commerce/ICC Rates/etc. <input type="checkbox"/> 460 Deportation <input type="checkbox"/> 470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations <input type="checkbox"/> 810 Selective Service <input type="checkbox"/> 850 Securities/Commodities/Exchange <input type="checkbox"/> 875 Customer Challenge <input type="checkbox"/> 12 USC 3410 <input type="checkbox"/> 891 Agricultural Acts <input type="checkbox"/> 892 Economic Stabilization Act <input type="checkbox"/> 893 Environmental Matters <input type="checkbox"/> 894 Energy Allocation Act <input type="checkbox"/> 895 Freedom of Information Act <input type="checkbox"/> 900 Appeal of Fee Determination Under Equal Access to Justice <input type="checkbox"/> 950 Constitutionality of State Statutes <input type="checkbox"/> 890 Other Statutory Actions
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VI. CAUSE OF ACTION (CITE THE U.S. CIVIL STATUTE UNDER WHICH YOU ARE FILING AND WRITE BRIEF STATEMENT OF CAUSE. DO NOT CITE JURISDICTIONAL STATUTES UNLESS DIVERSITY.)

17 U.S.C. § 501 et seq. — copyright infringement

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT

☐ CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION DEMAND \$ ☐ CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint

UNDER F.R.C.P. 23:

Statutory damages; injunction

JURY DEMAND:

☐ YES☒ NO

VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY

PLEASE REFER TO CIVIL L.R. 3-12 CONCERNING REQUIREMENT TO FILE "NOTICE OF RELATED CASE".

IX. DIVISIONAL ASSIGNMENT

(CIVIL L.R. 3-2) (PLACE AN "X" IN ONE BOX ONLY)

☐ SAN FRANCISCO/OAKLAND☐ SAN JOSE

DATE March 27, 2008

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD